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Field Crops

Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in poor to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Barley conditions are mostly good to excellent with 100 percent planted, 1 percentage point above previous year at 99 and 12 percentage points ahead of the 5 year average of 88. Winter wheat conditions are very poor to good, depending on location and planted is at 56 percent, 24 percentage points behind last year and the 5 year-average at 80 and 76, respectively.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, cilantro, red and green cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, lemons, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, green and red cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, radicchio, spinach and various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce last week.

Range and Pasture

Warm temperatures are early this year throughout the State, with depleting moisture levels. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	5	19	17	33	26
Range and Pasture	43	16	25	16	0

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending February 16, 2014, ranging from 6 degrees above normal at Bullhead City, Coolidge, and Parker to 13 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was

91 degrees recorded at Yuma. The lowest reading was 18 degrees at Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon. None of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Eleven of the 22 weather stations have received precipitation to date this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
February 10, 2014 - February 16, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	59	9	83	39	0.00	0.00	-2.02	0
Buckeye	63	9	86	42	0.00	0.00	-0.99	0
Bullhead City	65	6	86	44	0.00	0.07	-1.39	5
Canyon De Chelly	46	11	69	20	0.00	0.11	-0.93	11
Coolidge	60	6	87	34	0.00	0.00	-1.33	0
Douglas	56	9	85	25	0.00	0.00	-1.05	0
Flagstaff	43	12	66	18	0.00	0.29	-2.88	9
Grand Canyon	40	13	64	18	0.00	0.29	-3.39	8
Kingman	56	10	78	33	0.00	0.22	-1.18	16
Maricopa	61	7	86	36	0.00	0.00	-1.18	0
Paloma	62	7	89	36	0.00	0.00	-1.12	0
Parker	62	6	85	38	0.00	0.00	-1.24	0
Payson	49	8	73	27	0.00	0.08	-2.97	3
Phoenix	67	10	86	50	0.00	0.00	-0.99	0
Prescott	52	13	76	29	0.00	0.05	-2.30	2
Roll	63	8	89	39	0.00	0.00	-0.51	0
Safford	56	9	83	31	0.00	0.00	-1.05	0
St. Johns	47	9	76	18	0.00	0.11	-0.88	11
Tucson	64	11	88	43	0.00	0.01	-1.20	1
Willcox	54	9	86	28	0.00	0.01	-1.41	1
Winslow	49	11	79	21	0.00	0.02	-0.71	3
Yuma	71	11	91	53	0.00	0.00	-0.51	0
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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